

TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE MINUTES

DATE: May 4, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m. CDT
LOCATION: Iris Room, Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Julia Axley, LBSW, Board Chair
Robert Zylstra, LCSW
Vicki Gardine Williams, LAPSW, Secretary
Ann-Marie Buchanan, LMSW
Kenya Anderson, LMSW
Karen A. Armstrong, Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Tara Watson, LCSW
Elizabeth Randall, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Christi Stacey, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Todd Pinckley, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Axley, board chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Ms. Wilkins asked the Board staff to introduce themselves: Christi Stacey, Teddy Wilkins and Todd Pinckley.

Minutes

Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the February 2, 2017 minutes. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Pinckley stated the disciplinary activity as of May 1st in the Office of General Counsel is eight (8) cases against licensees, three (3) of which will be resolved by Consent Orders today.

Mr. Pinckley stated the chapter rewrite was still in internal review and delivered to his supervisor for review and is moving through the process for approval. The new Telehealth rules/revisions would be reviewed today and with approval from the board would be included in the review process as well. There were no policy statements or additional legislation to be reviewed.

Consent Orders

Mr. Pinckley presented Consent Orders for James Williams, LCSW, Shakebra Young, LMSW and Parker Tamara, LBSW

James Williams, LCSW engaged in a dual relationship with a patient; including a sexual relationship with a patient and has agreed to voluntarily surrender his license. Mr. Pinckley stated that this results in the same effect as a revocation. Mr. Williams may reapply after a one year period but would have to be reviewed for approval by the board to be re-licensed. Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, to accept the Consent Order for **James Williams, LCSW** to surrender his license. The motion carried.

Shakebra Young, LMSW entered a non-adjudication plea in Mississippi resulting from submitting fraudulent activity sheets to the Region IV Mental Health Services Center in Desoto County, Mississippi. She has agreed to voluntarily surrender her license.

Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to accept the Consent Order for **Shakebra Young, LMSW**. The motion carried.

Tamara Parker, LBSW failed to obtain her continuing education hours and has entered into an agreement for reprimand, civil penalty of \$200.00 and completion of her CE hours.

Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to accept the Consent Order for **Tamara Parker, LBSW**. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Ms. French gave the mid-year Financial Report for fiscal year as of December 31, 2016 stating the Board had total direct expenditures of \$65,736.32 and allocated expenditures of \$59,833.28 for total expenditures of \$125,569.60. Ms. French said Board fee revenue totaled \$196,888.10, current year net \$71,318.50 and LARS improvements of \$25,753.36 for a total cumulative carryover of \$1,316,926.75.

Ms. French stated the account codes are broken down on the addendum page, and that the social work board was a very stable board in its allocated expenditures.

The board had some questions as to how “carryover” expenditures could be used in areas of need such as providing a data base of approved clinical supervisors and or additional staff to handle that type of service. Ms. Wilkins answered with the current procedure and that the process of adding staff was not through the board’s authority.

Investigative Report

Ms. Dorroh reviewed the statistical complaint report stating there are ten (10) new complaint cases in their office since the last review held in March. Ms. Dorroh stated there are eight (8) open complaints against LMSW's, thirteen (13) against LCSW's, one (1) against an LAPSW, and one open (1) complaint against LBSW's.

The board expressed interest in the process of investigation when a complaint has been made against a licensee. Ms. Dorroh gave a brief overview that complaints come in from the public via the phone or written complaint with any supporting documentation. The social work board attorney and a licensed consultant review the complaint. The determination comes from both legal and professional to make a decision on the complaint. The board asked to receive more information at a future meeting on the whole process, and how the consultants are chosen, who they are, what they do for living, etc. Ms. Dorroh assured the board that they run a background check on the consultants thru the national licensing board's data base as confirmation they have no issues with their license if they are licensed in other states.

Ms. Dorroh also reviewed the monitored practitioners report stating two (2) LMSW licenses are suspended, one (1) LCSW is on probation, one (1) LMSW license was revoked and one (1) LCSW license is reprimanded. Ms. Dorroh said one (1) APSW, one (1) LMSW, one (1) LBSW's have civil penalties, and one (1) LBSW licensee has a TSAC suspension.

Administrative Report

Ms. Stacey stated that as of May 2, 2017, there were 658 Licensed Baccalaureate Social Workers, 2,707 Licensed Master Social Workers, 279 Licensed Advanced Practice Social Workers and 2,612 Licensed Clinical Social Workers.

Ms. Stacy said from February 1 thru May 2, 2017 one (1) LBSWs, twenty (20) LMSWs, zero (0) LAPSW's and eleven (11) LCSWs retired their licenses.

Ms. Stacey said from February 1, 2017 thru May 2, 2017 ten (10) LBSWs, twenty eight (28) LMSWs, three (3) LAPSWs and thirteen (13) LCSWs licenses expired.

Ms. Stacey stated from February 2, 2017 thru May 2, 2017 six (6) LBSWs were licensed with six (6) applications in process; sixty six (66) LMSWs were licensed with sixty one (61) applications in process; zero (0) LAPSWs were licensed with one (1) applications in process; and, fifty one (51) LCSW's were licensed with forty (40) applications in process.

Ms. Stacey stated the remaining Board Meeting dates for 2017 are:

July 27-28, 2017

October 26-27, 2017

Agreed Citation

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Gayle Resneck** who agreed to pay the penalty of \$700.00 representing \$100.00 per month for practicing on an expired license beyond the 60-day grace period. Motion to accept the agreement was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Ms. Williams.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Laura Naron** who was non-compliant on her CE Audit. Ms. Naron agreed to pay the \$100.00 civil penalty, and completed ten hours of deficient continuing education hours. Motion was made to accept the agreement by Mr. Zylstra, seconded by Ms. Buchanan.

The Board reviewed an Agreed Citation for **Davelyn Vidrine** who agreed to pay the penalty of \$100.00 representing \$100.00 per month for practicing on an expired license beyond the 60-day grace period. Motion to accept the agreement was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Zylstra.

Report from ASWB Spring Education Meeting

Returning board members from the ASWB Spring Education Meeting April 26-30, 2017 held in Newman, Nevada. Board members that attended gave a brief overview of high points, concerns and major topics discussed at the conference. Board members that were in attendance were Ms. Vicki Williams, Ms. Ann-Marie Buchanan, Ms. Julia Axley, and Ms. Kenya Anderson. Ms. Anderson also informed the board that Ms. Vicki Williams had been appointed to the REAL committee which is a committee that coordinates and plans the regulatory education conferences for the Association of Social Work Boards. Ms. Axley covered the topic of supervision hours discussed at the conference and the issues that other states were also having. The requirements for supervision other states such as Louisiana have; the use of a supervisory agreement, “approved supervisors” classification that is in place there. The changes that currently going on with the ASWB exams; and that the revisions to the existing exams that will be in place by January 2018. She touched on continuing education hours and that the VA was now offering “Train” train.org as a good resource for free CE courses. Ms. Williams served as a facilitator/recorder for the “Think Tank” that the tables worked on as part of the conference. There was also discussion on new board member/chair training, personal development plans, age related statistics, supervisor training, by-lingual training to include French, and being more informed on continuing competence through continuing education hours.

File Review (Clinical)

1. James P. Brook (exam)
2. Beth Brown (exam)
3. Melissa DePaola (reciprocity)
4. Debra Flowers (exam)
5. Robbie Hayter (exam)
6. Tiffany Hillsman (exam)

7. Gerik Tatarzvcki (reciprocity)
8. Laura Vacheresse (exam)
9. Ashlee Watson (exam)
10. Tywanda Williams (reciprocity)
11. Stefan Bain (reciprocity)

Motion to approve the files applying by reciprocity for licensure was made by Mr. Zylstra, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the files applying by exam to sit for the exam was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried.

Review, approve/deny and ratify new licensure files

Upon review Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the following LBSW applicants for licensure:

**Sethly C. Davis
La Rose Marilza
Iman P. Worsham**

**Cynthia L. Johnson
Jennifer K. Mercer**

The motion carried.

Upon review Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zylstra, to approve the following LMSW applicants for licensure:

**Elta C. Ampadu
Thom E. Barry
Jina C. Boze
Carey E. Buchanan
Craig Matthew Wayne
Lucia S. Daniel
Shonreh A. Doss
Emily C. Ezell
Sarah Foutch
Mark A. Fuqua
Brooklyn D. Gilbert
Victoria P. Golden
Rachel L. Hatchett
Emily Sue Hill
Chelsea T. Jones
Debra E. Kirkwood
Lauren K. Kulp
Sandra Belizaire Livingstone
Caroline G. Megargel**

**Victoria A.L. Baize
Danielle R. Benetti
Roslyn R. Brewer
Amy L. Cook
Stacey B. Crane
April Elizabeth Delestienne
Scott Gibson Duke
Heather A. Flowers
Marlenny E. Franco-Johnson
Sara I. Gibson Hillion
Whitney B. Gilbert
Ashlee N. Hall
Stephanie L. Herald
Blake H Hylton
Donna Kometta Jones
Molly A. Kosar
Tanya D. Lindsey
Jessika B. London
Elizabeth A. Miller**

**Shelia E. Moton
Stephanie T. Padgham
Rachel D. Pegram
Carrie Anne Pernesky
Candice M. Preysz
Erica L. Reddig
Brittany N. Satterfield
Katherine M. Singer
Haley D. Stone
Tanya M. Tharpe
Linda S. Wilcox**

**Alyssa R. Negron
Jeremy A. Page
Christina L. Perdue
Jessica M. Pinkston
Mary Katherine Rand
Amanda F. Reynolds
Brian Schultz
Wendi A. Stec
Lisa M. Synco
Kristen E. Vandyke**

The motion carried.

Upon review Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zylstra, to approve the following LCSW applicants for licensure:

**Kristin A. Z. Adkins
Laura M. Ames
Jennifer M. Barry
Joseph K. Botelho
Alonda J. Callender
Julia B. Coffin
Katherine M. Cornelius
Natalie A. Depp
Jodi J. Dumler
Erica Gentry
Caryn M. Goldner
Samantha Hammonds
Sarah A. Hines
Billie J. Hunt
Connie D. Jones
Terri A. Lechnyr
Matthew J. Mcumber
Julie K. Moore
Cassandra F. Price
Gary D. Sinclair
Jennifer L. Sneed
Abbie R. Sumrall
Claire E. Timlin
Heather M. Westrick**

**Christopher C. Akridge
Lisa H. Barnhardt
Andrea G. Bell
Rebekah L. Brown
Lee A. Cavender
Rebecca Conner
Ashley Curry
Silvina A. Duchini
Julie H. Ferguson
Barbara M. Gilliam
Bailey E. Groetsch
Alice Hiatt
Catherine R. Holcomb
Christopher A. James
Vanessa N. Jones
Montoyia McGowan
Holly L. Moore
Abigail R. Phillips
Lauren Roberts
Amy A. Smith
William F. Stouffer
De'Asia Thompson
Thomas P. Wasik**

The motion carried.

Approve LCSW applicants to sit for written exam

Upon review Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the following LCSW applicants to sit for the written exam:

**Jessie Alder
Marijo Bond
Tara M. Booker
Lauren Byrd
Kate Emmerich
Asia Gibson
Kristen Kakanis
David Marcotte
Robin Morgan
Joan Settle
Melanie Spoon
Marion Thomasson
Kim Warner-Hudy
Lorraine Wiseman**

**Stephanie Armstrong
Jennifer Booker
Katherine Bowers
Jenna Coleman
Connie M. Farmer
Anne Johnson
Amanda S. Lewis
Sara McVeigh
Anne Ross
Mary Ann Severino
Rachel L. Tarantino
Lauren E. Valencia
Keisha Watson**

The motion carried.

Approve/deny reinstatement applications

Upon review Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, to approve the following LMSW reinstated licensees:

**Justin Bucchio
David Dees
Frances J. Moyer
Andrea B. Samberg**

**Kendall Elsass
Debra E. Kirkwood
Gayle R. Resneck
Brenda Walker**

The motion carried.

Upon review Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the following LBSW reinstated licensee:

Jennifer N. Shute

The motion carried.

Upon review Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, to approve the following LCSW reinstated licensees:

Jeanne E. Caudill
Rebecca Cathryn Juarez
Linda Redding
Davelyn V. Vidrine PH.D

The motion carried.

Correspondence

Nicole Williams submitted a letter requesting extension on her approved time to sit for the exam. Ms. Williams had to have back surgery due to a car accident in 2015, and underwent extensive recovery time causing time off from her job which caused her hardship in paying her bills. She was requesting an extension in the “one year” period of approval time.

Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchanan to allow and additional three (3) months to sit for the ASWB exam. The motion carried.

Approve/Deny Continuing Education Waivers

Ms. Stacey said the following licensees meet the requirements, set by the Board, for a waiver of the continuing education requirements:

- 1. Ashlee Hall - LMSW #11156 – Waive 2017**
- 2. Benjamin L. Marlow – LMSW #10794 – Waive 2016**

Mr. Zylstra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, to approve the waivers. The motion carried.

Discuss and take action if needed regarding rulemaking, hearings, rule amendments and policies

Mr. Pinckley requested a motion to table the telehealth discussion until the July meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried.

Discuss other board business

Ms. Wilkins asked if there were any particular topics that the board wanted to discuss at the July meeting. Mr. Zylstra express that he’d like to address the subject of continuing education, monitoring it, and the difficulty that is sometime encountered in providing opportunities for gaining the required hours due to availability.

Ms. Karen Franklin of NASW TN Chapter addressed the board, she offered to come and make a presentation to the board. Mr. Zylstra stated as a board member that the board would like to

partner with NASW in the process of offering future continuing education courses. Ms. Wilkins reminded the board that an LCSW can provide supervision for an LPC but is required to complete twelve (12) hours of clinical CE, whereas a LCSW providing supervision for a LMSW only requires six (6) hours of CE.

Ms. Franklin was requested to present a report at the July meeting to the board for discussion on continuing education.

Fall Delegate assembly to be held in Atlanta in November was mentioned. Ms. Axley and Ms. Buchanan expressed interest in going. Three members from the Tennessee delegate assembly could attend per our board.

Ms. Wilkins informed the board members that travel to Atlanta could not be approved by air.

With no other Board business to conduct Ms. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zylstra to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. The motion carried.